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SUBJECT: EXPLORATION OF FORMULA FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACCESS TO KIM DONG-
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1. WE HAVE BEEN BACK AND FORTH WITH BOTH THE FONMIN AND KCIA
VERY QUIETLY, URGING THAT AMBASSADOR KIM CONTINUE HIS DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH CONGRESS ON WORKING OUT FORMULA FOR HANDLING
KIM DONG-JO PROBLEM. WE HAVE PARTICULARLY MET AMBASSADOR
KIM GO AHEAD WITH MEETING WITH JAWORSKI.

2. WE FIND RELUCTANCE TO PUSH JAWORSKI/AMBASSADOR KIM MEETING
BECAUSE KIM IS NOW PERSUADED THAT JAWORSKI'S POSITON REMAINS
RIGID AND UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES MEETING WOULD BE COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE. KIM, WHILE NOT REJECTING PROPOSAL TO MEET WITH
JAWORSKI, WISHES TO BIDE HIS TIME UNTIL HE SEES WHETHER
HIS EFFORTS WITH SPEAKER O'NEILL AND DEPARTMENT HAVE SOFTEN-
ING EFFECT. KIM NOW EXPECTS SPEAKER O'NEILL TO GET BACK
TO HIM FIRST, BEFORE KIM TALKS TO JAWORSKI.

3. PRESENT INCLINATION IN SEOUL IS TO AVOID SENDING
AMBASSADOR KIM ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, EITHER WAY.
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THEY HAVE LEFT DECISION ON MEETING WITH JAWORSKI TO KIM'S
DISCRETION BASED ON JUDGEMENT OF WASHINGTON ATMOSPHERICS.

4. COMMENT: GIVEN ILL-TEMPERED AND INFLAMMATORY
REMARKS IN THE CURRENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE
MEETING, I SUSPECT THAT ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR
KIM ARE ABOUT THE BEST ONE CAN EXPECT. VIRTURE OF ABOVE

INSTRUCTIONS TO KIM IS AT LEAST THAT THEY LEAVE BALL
IN KIM'S COURT AND GIVE HIM SOME FLEXIBILITY OF ACTION,
ALTHOUGH HE FACES TAKING THE RAP IF THINGS GO AWRY.
BEST BET THEREFORE REMAINS YOUR WORKING ON KIM.
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